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1. IN VIEW MISUNDERSTANDING SURROUNDING OFFER OF INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT TO FONMIN NU'MAN THROUGH UN PERMREP AL-ATTAR, WE WISH TO AVOID ANY SIMILAR PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE SHOULD ECONOMY MINISTER ASNAG DECIDE AFTER ARRIVAL NY TO REMAIN FOR LONGER PERIOD IN U.S. THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED (REF D). OUTSIDE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PAN AM AND INTERCONTINENTAL IN NY, WORLD BANK, AID, AND PERHAPS SENIOR DEPT. OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON, WE DO NOT HAVE CLEAR PICTURE OF DEGREE ASNAG'S INTEREST VISITING U.S. AT THIS TIME AND WHO OR WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT AMBASSADOR SOUND ASNAG OUT AS TO WHETHER HE AVAILABLE AND HAS SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS WHICH WOULD MAKE TOUR U.S. WORTHWHILE. SHOULD ASNAG BE INTERESTED, AMBASSADOR AUTHORIZED TO OFFER HIM PARTIAL IV GRANT.

2. IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO OFFER ASNAG GRANT, EMBASSY SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT AT THIS BUSY TIME OF YEAR PROGRAMMING AGENCY UNABLE TO HANDLE ANY VISITOR, OF
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WHATEVER RANK, WITH LESS THAN TWO WEEKS NOTICE. HENCE

IF ASNAG THINKING OF ARRIVAL WASHINGTON PRIOR OCT. 17,
HE SHOULD NOT BE OFFERED GRANT. WHETHER ASNAG PARTICIPATES
IV PROGRAM OR NOT, WE WILL OF COURSE ARRANGE CALLS AND
PROVIDE SUITABLE HOSPITALITY SHOULD HE VISIT WASHINGTON.

3. JUDGING FROM HIS COMMENTS ON PLANNED IV GRANT FOR
NU'MAN, ASNAG AWARE THAT IV PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR INFORMAL,
GET-ACQUAINTED CONTACT. HOWEVER, TO AVOID ANY MISUNDER-
STANDING ON THIS POINT, SUGGEST YOU EMPHASIZE THAT WHILE
PURPOSE OF THIS USG-FUNDED PROGRAM IS TO FACILITATE
CONTACT FOREIGN GOVT. OFFICIALS WITH AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS
AND ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, PARTICIPATION IN
PROGRAM WOULD HAVE NONE OF ASPECTS OF AN OFFICIAL VISIT.
THERE WOULD BE NO CHAUFFERED LIMOUSINES, OTHER SPECIAL
PROTOCOL. ALTHOUGH MINISTER INVITED BY USG AND PROVIDED
WITH ESCORT INTERPRETER, MUCH OF PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF
WASHINGTON WOULD DEPEND ON EFFORTS OF VOLUNTEERS.

4. IN SHORT WE MUST KNOW PRIOR TO ASNAG'S ARRIVAL IN
NY WHETHER HE INTERESTED IN PROGRAM, AND IF SO, WHAT
TIME HE HAS AVAILABLE AND WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO.

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